

The obvious partisanship of Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions illustrates the problems that media consolidation has brought on the viewing public. This is a clear example of how consolidation has limited public discourse and undermined democracy.

The public airwaves are just that: public. Companies such as Sinclair have the legal obligation to serve the public interest. However, as a result of corporate control of the media (as opposed to public control) news is driven by profit motive rather than public interest.

Sinclair demonstrates the need for strengthened media ownership rules, not weaker ones. The FCC must look out for the public, not the corporate interest. The citizens of the United States are not being fairly served by allowing corporations to dominate all media outlets in given markets. Please consider the public good and do not allow individual corporations to present the only viewpoints. Thank you.